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Previous references.

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Later references.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. four

Part B for april 19

SUBJECT.

Food supply arrangements

Sl 234) petition dt 17-1-19 from Bangarappa, pat
of Hale Soraba, Sorab Taluk making certain allega
against the Amildar of Sorab & the Shekdar of Shanb
of this place & requests that the stock commander
from him may be caused to be returned to him

Sl 5-19) So, The Rev Commr No 23776 dt 16-4-19
Returns the records connected with the ab
& requests that the D.C. Shimoga may be asked
cause an endorsement to the above petitioner to
effect that his behaviour as a village officer was
objectionable.

Sd L. S. on 20/6/19.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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NOTES.

File No. 184

FILE HEADING.

Food Supply &c- Complaints.

From

Bhanyappa - Patel of Hale-Saraba - Sorab Tq

No. Petn Dated 17-1-19 Received in office 22-1-19

Diary No. 12324] Enclos. one Spare Copies. - [Serial No. 234

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

Makes certain allegations against the Amildar of Sorab & the Sheristadar & Shanbhag of his place & requests that the stock commandeered from him may be caused to be returned to him.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Dewan's orders -

An immediate report after personal enquiry may be called for from D.C."

Dated) A-R-B. 22/1

Chief Secy's note - "7-5- Send to D.C. accdg

Dated) C-S. B

22-1-19

NOTES—First Sheet.

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Serial No.

1. P 134-18 & 209 Rte

2 Draft D.O. Subd. Please see Dewan's order on the linked file.
Mg
25/1/19 3 Issue at once as
Marked Mg 25/1/19

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The Rev Comr in Uppr
G. 135 26 of 25.1.19 forwg
petition referred to in Serial 23
and requesting that an immedte
report may be obtained from the D.C. who should be
instructed to hold a personal
enquiry in the matter and
forwarded to Govt with his
remarks as early as possible

1 Subd. Refce is invited to the
Dewan's order on the linked file
Mg 2. The allegations in the petition as regards
highhandedness are reported to be
9/4/19 true
Dewan)

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

Draft issued as per Directed in para 8 of the in the previous page.
Yes Mr Mumford Harkness
9/4/19 Sen Legislative.

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9/5/19

CHIEF SECRETARY
POLITICAL BRANCH.
5 - MAY. 1919

received in person 18.1.19.
Forward with compliments. P. Raghavendra Rao 22.1.19
22.1.19
CHIEF SEC. TO H.H. THE MAHARAJA'S GOVT. POLITICAL BRANCH. 30 JAN. 1919
GEN. REVENUE SECRETARIAT 25 JAN 1919 D 10212
1083-148 22-1-19 The Dewan
To
x073 22.1.19

P. Raghavendra Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Second Member of Council to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Sir,

The humble representation of Patel Bhangarappa, - Patel of Hale-Soraba in the Sorab Taluq of the Shimoga District, residing in Hale-Sorab abovenamed, most respectfully sheweth:

1. That on or about the third week of November 1918 the Amildar, Mr.Lakshmana Iyer, of Sorab Taluq, having approached the petitioner abovenamed, demanded forcibly of - him to give out the details about his stock of paddy in his house-hold. And accordingly the petitioner, with due deference and humble submission to the wordings of the Amildar, - gave out that he has stocked forty pallas of paddy with him, enough to meet the expenses of his shouse-hold men but that the said Amildar gentleman for reasons best known to himself and with due disregard to the rules now in force as being - observed in such cases having thereafter compelled him (petitioner) the petitioner was but obliged to give out the - figure as ninety pallas, in spite of his having not had stock ed such a large quantity, as otherwise he would be dealt - with penally if he was disposed to remain silent from gicing the demanded figure.

2. That thereafter the Shanbhogue and the Sheikdar of the place, said conjointly, that if they are at once given a rusum of only six pallas of paddy for their use they would see to their recommendation to Government that the said quantity of paddy with the petitioner might be allowed to remain with him and that no portion of it should be purchased by Government. The petitioner replied these two gentlemen in the negative and accordingly gave a petition to the Amildar, complaining about the mala fide and unwarranted action of these two gentlemen and requested therein that they may be dealt - with according to Law..

3. The Amildar never cared to give any kind of heed whatsoever to the repeated representations of the petitioner but was at least good enough to believe in - what the Sheikdar and Shanbhogue both said to him and - having implicit faith and tacid confidence in their - wordings, himself (Amildar), in person, with these two - Village Officials came to the house of the petitioner - and even the petitioner himself was absent from the - Station in reality and having sent the only old woman - that was then present at the house beyond her house - illegally and wrongfully entered into the said house - with boots on and with such other persons as are not by Spiritual Law warranted to enter into the Devapooja and Kitchen Rooms and removed by force the stock of paddy - that was stored in the place fixed for the purpose by the back-door of the house and measured the same to have been only forty pallas was originally stated by the petitioner himself to the Amildar on the latter's demanding the - former at the very first instance. The fact that the - said quantity of paddy is still allowed to remain as still

as the same was in the house of the petitioner (but was being used in parcels for the daily up-keep of the house) itself on the one hand and of the fact that the Amildar after his having taken wrongful hold of the petitioner's paddy and possession thereof for himself sent word to the petitioner and asked him to accept the rate fixed for his article irrespective of the fact that it was too low even according to the rules that are being observed by the Food Controller and the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, - in case of like nature and demanded him of a receipt - thereof clearly establishes that the Amildar and the Village Officials somehow bore a rigid vengeance over the - person of the petitioner for no fault of his and that the joint action was really wrong.

4 . That nothing has as yet taken place in the matter and no notice has been given by the Amildar and the - Sub Division Officer and the Deputy Commissioner even, of the several repeated representation, in as humble a way as is really possible as they were, of the petitioner compelle the petitioner to lay before your honour these few lines - for favour of kind and sympathetic consideration and for - reasonable redress of his grievances thereof and hence the present representation for favour of kind and immediate - perusal.

5. The mischiefs and other sister-acts of the Amildar have well been stated in the petition preferred by one Parasuramappa, also a native of Sorab proper, to the - Revenue Commissioner in Mysore and the said petition will stand a better testimony of the truth of the allegations - named supra than dictated ere long here and a kind perusal of the same copy of which might be found in the file of -

records bearing on the cases will satisfy your honour of the real truth and of nothing else but truth.

6. The petitioner and his dependents coupled - with also with his raiyats who were raising crops on - his lands are all thus thrown out of their very meal and their present difficulties and unforeseen troubles and the condition of their very miserable positions - especially in these hard days when so much history - about the scarcity of food articles has already been - said by so many people might well be imagined by your honour than detailed here.

7. Hence it is respectfully requested that your honour will be graciously pleased to

(a) order immediately that the quantity said to have been now stocked by the Amildar, without any use of it in whatever manner whatsoever be caused to be given back to the petitioner himself, and

(b) that permission might kindly be - granted to the petitioner for proceeding - against the Amildar of Soraba in a Court of Law for the very illegal and unwarranted acti he was so bold enough to take as detailed abo

and

(c) that an early favourable endorsemer to the above facts might kindly be caused to be given to him.

8. For these acts of kindness the petitioner he shall ever remain grateful.

BANGALORE,
18-1-1919.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Date of issue..... 25.1.19

Signed by.....

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To Ke Head Assistant

Section (
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No. 715

To

The ~~Dy Com~~ Rev Com
~~Shreeranji Pt~~

Dear Sir,

In forwarding here
with a petition of 17 Wd
1919 with its enclosure
from Bhangarappa
Patel of Hale-Sorabe, So
TK, Malleig certain a
gations against the
Amildar & certain TK
officials of Sorab, I am

desires to request that an
immediate report may be obtained from the
Officer who has the instructions should a
~~Subsequent letter~~ personal
[illegible] will [illegible] be sent forwarded to
you with your
remarks as to
the prosecution

Yours Sincerely

[illegible] 25/11/41

D. 17858

Office of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore

Bangalore 4th April 1919

My dear Mr.Balasundaram Iyer,

With reference to Mr.Jeyarama Aiyar's D.O. letter No.G.15526/P.P.134-18-236 dated the 25th January 1919 forwarding for a report a petition from Bhangarappa, Patel of Hale Soraba, making certain allegations against the Amildar of Sorab Taluk, I enclose herein, for the orders of Government, the records of enquiry conducted by the Deputy Commissioner in person.

2. It will be seen from them as also from the accompanying copy of Shimoga Deputy Commissioner's D.O. letter No.18 of 18-19 dated the 1st April 1919 that the allegations in the petition are quite unfounded.

3. The petition and its enclosure are herewith returned.

Yours sincerely,

D.O. No. Confidential Current 18 of 18-19 dated 1st April 1919 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

In reply to Mr.C.S.Kuppuswamy Iyengar's demi-official letter No.871 dated 27th January 1919 calling for a report on the petition of Bhangarappa, Patel of Hale Sorab, complaining against the Amildar of Sorab, I beg to state that I held an enquiry at Sorab on 23rd March 1919 when I examined seven witnesses and continued at Bhangarappa's desire the enquiry at Sagar on 25th March when I examined the two witnesses produced by him.

2. The facts of the case are briefly as follows:-

While commandeering operations were being carried on in this District with a view to supply food grains to the needy, the Amildar of Sorab asked Bhangarappa, Patel of Hale Sorab, if he could spare any paddy and on his replying that he had 90 pallas, that he required 50 pallas for the use of himself, the members of his family and two servants who were being fed by him - in all 8 persons - and that he could spare 40 pallas, a mutchalika was obtained from him to this effect on 27th November 1918. As the Amildar was about to ask for the delivery of this quantity, Bhangarappa presented a petition to him on 17th December 1918 that he had also to provide for several other coolies working under him and that he could not spare any paddy. On 18th December 1918 Panchayatdars executed a mahazar that there were only 8 persons in Bhangarappa's house as admitted by him in his mutchalika dated 27th November 1918, that his other coolies were not being fed by him but that they were living separately with their families and that Bhangarappa was under no obligation to feed them.

3. On the same day paddy was taken out of Bhangarappa's [illegible] and the next day i.e., 19th December 1918 forty pallas were sent to the Taluk Cutcherry.

4. Bhangarappa's first grievance is that the mutchalika 27th November 1918 was obtained from him by coercion. When he asked to state ~~what~~ the coercion consisted in he replied that the Amildar told him that he would not lose anything if he gave

and that therefore he executed the mutchalika. This does not amount to coercion and nobody else has said that it was executed as a result of coercion practised on him. Further Bhangarappa admits the truth of the allegation made in the mahazar dated 18th December 1918 that there were only 8 members in his family including 2 servants and that the other coolies referred to by him were living separately. There is therefore no truth in the contention that the mutchalika was obtained from him under coercion.

5. It may be added that even without his consent the 40 pallas of paddy could have been commandeered.

6. The next complaint of Bhangarappa is that on the day on which paddy was removed from his house, the Amildar went to his kitchen and Devaramane with his boots on. Bhangarappa has no personal knowledge of this fact because he was not in his house at the time. None of the persons who have signed the mahazar prepared at the time of the removal of paddy has said that the Amildar went with his boots into Bhangarappa's kitchen or Devaramane. The only man who says that the Amildar did go into those rooms with his boots on is one Malla but his statement is not believable for:-

(1) he admits he stayed outside the house and did not go in and consequently he could not have seen the Amildar walk into the rooms in question,

(2) he has not attested the mahazar which shows that he was not present when the paddy was removed, for if he was present he also would have attested the mahazar,

(3) he is a resident of Bharangi while Bhangarappa's house is in Hale Sorab.

(4) On 23rd March 1919 Bhangarappa said that Gurupadiah and Malappa would depose to the fact that the Amildar went to the rooms in question with his boots and wanted an adjournment till 25th March to bring them and on the adjourned date he brought Gurupadiah and Malappa but that Malla's name was not mentioned on 23rd March showing that his statement cannot be true. Malappa has not been brought or examined by Bhangarappa: and Gurupadiah has not given any support to the complaint

7. I conclude that the allegation that the Amildar went with his boots on into the Bhangarappa's Devaramane or Kitchen is false.

8. Bhangarappa next urges that the Amildar abused and insulted him but he has admitted his inability to prove this allegation.

9. He wants the 40 palas to be returned to him but it is not possible to do so for apart from the fact that he has no right to get it back, it was put into the stock maintained in the Taluk Cutcherr and sold to the public. He was asked more than once to take the price of the paddy but he has declined to do so. And he has not deposed that the proper price was not offered to him.

10. There are only two prayers in the petition. The first is that he may be permitted to proceed against the Amildar in a Court of Law but there are absolutely no grounds for granting it.

11. The second prayer that the paddy removed from his house may be returned to him is equally inadmissible.

12. The petition so far it contains allegations against the Amildar is groundless.

13. It is also alleged by Bhangarappa that the Shekdar and the Shanbhog asked him for some bribe. The Shanbhog repudiates the allegation. The shekdar was not examined as he was on leave and his whereabouts were not known. Bhangarappa is untrustworthy and no reliance can be placed on his allegations.

14. The petition is returned and the connected record is submitted.

'C o p y'

for Revenue Commissioner

5-4-09

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Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. G2377 6

Revenue 3

Date of issue 16.9.19 To The Rev Comr in Mgm

Signed by W. A. N.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no D.O. 1279 of the 4/7th April 1919 forwarding for the orders of Govt - the records of the Enquiry conducted by the Dy Comr - Shimoga in connection with a petn from Bhangarappa - patel of

Hale-Sraba ~~of~~ making
certain allegations against
the Amedan of Sarab TK
I am directed to state
that the DyCom may be
asked to give a suitable
instn to the petitioner &
also to move departmentally
the objectionable behaviour
as
of the petitioner ~~Ais~~ a
village officer who instead
of cooperating with Govt-
committed to the want & ~~shows~~ shows
a bad example.

2. The records of enquiry
as per statement accompanying
the same - are herewith
returned.

List of enclosur

Thanking etc

Sd/ 11-4-19
for Chief Secy

Copied by Sd/

Examined by [illegible]

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